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Headteacher: Mr Peter Hilton NPQEL, NPQH, MAEd

19 June 2025

**Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Community,**

**Re: Consultation on the Future of Nursery Provision at St. Anne's Catholic Primary School**

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an important matter concerning the future of our nursery provision at St. Anne's Catholic Primary School, and to invite you to participate in a formal consultation process.

After much careful consideration and many months of discussion, the Governing Body is proposing that the school will no longer be in a position to operate a nursery provision from **September 2025** onwards. This proposal has not been made lightly. Over recent years, the nursery has faced increasing financial challenges due to consistently low intake numbers, and despite our best efforts to sustain it, this year's enrolment has been particularly low. Projections for the coming years suggest a continuing decline in the number of nursery-age children within our local area.

The Governors and leadership team have thoroughly explored all possible options to maintain the provision. However, the ongoing reduction in demand, combined with the significant resources required to deliver a high-quality early years setting, means that continuing to operate the nursery would risk affecting other areas of the school.

We understand that this news may be disappointing and unsettling for many of our families. Please be assured that this proposal has been brought forward only after extensive review and with the utmost reluctance.

We are now entering a consultation period during which we invite parents, carers, and members of the wider community to share their views. Your feedback is incredibly important to us and will be carefully considered before any final decisions are made.

**The consultation period will run from 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025.** You can provide your comments by:

- Emailing your views to [info@st-annes.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-annes.lambeth.sch.uk)
- Attending our consultation meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 1.30pm St. Anne's Catholic Primary School.



We remain committed to providing the highest quality early years' experience for our current nursery children through to the end of the 2024–2025 academic year. For families who may be affected beyond that point, we will work closely with you to support your transition to alternative early years provision.

Thank you for your understanding and for your ongoing support of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Knowles

**Chair of Governors**

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

And

Peter Hilton

**Headteacher**

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

